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## Rose City Roots Rocks Camrose Music Scene

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John Jones, Alan Prosser, and Dil Davies of Oysterband were at the Bailey Theatre on October 12. (Photo: Volker Neumann)

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A few weekends ago I had the pleasure of seeing Oysterband perform at the Bailey Theatre through Camrose's premier music organization, Rose City Roots Music Society. At first I was weary of the somewhat older crowd that made up the audience, but once the band got on stage and started their first song "Walking Down the Road with You," which had a lively, Celtic feel, the energy in the room skyrocketed and I found myself enjoying an anything but boring evening in Camrose.

Oysterband is described as an English electric folk and folk rock band, although their website lists themselves as "influenced by all manners of music, culture and style". I certainly noticed a number of different manners of music, as the band brought out both a harmonica and accordion, in addition to their five man set up consisting of guitar, bass, drums, cello and lead vocalist. Front man John Jones performed not only as a musician, but also as a stand up comedian, as he cracked a few jokes and even got the audience participating in clapping and singing along with the band. Their politically charged lyrics contrasted skillfully with the rampant energy they had on stage, and Jones said it best when he spoke to the audience of the band's "seriously depressing music set to happy tunes".

Not all of the songs were relentlessly upbeat, and when they did slow it down it, it proved to be just as enjoyable. "Bury Me Standing" quickly became one of my favorites, due to the sonorous accordion riff and powerful drumming. The most surprising part of the evening was when Oysterband did what I thought was an exceptional cover of Great Big Sea's "When I'm Up". This catchy tune has been one of my favorites for quite some time, and I was shocked to find out that it was actually originally written by Oysterband, and covered by Great Big Sea. Everyone in the audience knew the words well and joined in, and I left with a greater appreciation for the band, and the Camrose scene in general.

I was also lucky enough to score an interview with Geraint Osborne, the coordinator for Rose City Roots Music Society, and I got to learn a lot about the organization, which seeks to enrich the music scene right here in our town. RCR was started in 2006/2007 and brings talented up-and-coming musicians to Camrose in order to attract a variety of audiences. As a roots society, RCR not only seeks to bring folk music to different venues in town, but, as Osborne points out, various types of music because "roots can encompass a broad range of styles—blues and old school rock, as well as folk music".

RCR also hosts alternative bands in order to attract the type of crowd Big Valley Jam-

boree neglects—in the upcoming month, the Pack A.D. will be performing at Scalliwags, with very affordable prices on tickets for students (its only ten bucks, guys, come on).

Speaking of Big Valley Jamboree, if country music is just not your thing, Rose City Roots is also working with students in CSL placements in the preliminary stages of a three day music festival set to take place in May, which will set up a number of bands at different downtown venues, including Scalliwags, the Windsor, the Alice, the Players Club and the Bailey Theatre.

The main venues for Rose City Roots are Scalliwags and the Bailey Theatre, although one of the goals of the organization is to live up

Osborne explained that Mouat "turned to me and said 'this is a social good'". By bringing people together and attracting the kind of audience that may not be well catered to otherwise, Rose City Roots is easily one of the finest things Camrose has to offer. As a non-profit society run entirely by volunteers, RCR works to bring the community together by getting out, having a little fun, and enjoying some live music.

Students, I urge you to do something different on a weekend here in Camrose—take advantage of Rose City Roots, and see what they have to offer before continuing on with your usual jaunt to the bar (which doesn't get good until past midnight anyway); it will be well worth it.



# The U.S. Elections

Jennifer Ha DAG WRITER

Although it's easy to dismiss the United States of America as the country of Kardashians and Big Macs, the truth of the matter is that the country is a huge influence on the world politically and economically, not to mention our next door neighbours, and they're in the middle of electing their next president. The outcome of this election matters—health care, the economy, and the military are some of the hot topics of American politics right now—but all we seem to hear about involves airplane windows, epic rap battles, and perplexingly enough, Big Bird. Need a guide to help you become a responsible global citizen and gather some sense of the American elections? Look no further. The Daglight is here to help you learn about the two candidates, what they promise, and what the outcome can mean for our own nation.

## Barack Obama, Joe Biden, and the Democrats

As the current president in office, Barack Obama is running for a second term as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate. Previous to his presidency, the Harvard law school graduate held a career in civil law and teaching at universities, and entered politics as a senator for the state of Illinois in 1996. He went on to become a "loyally Democratic" member of the United States Senate, until his election for presidency in 2008. His vice president Joe Biden also comes from a background of law, his area being public interest. In the four years they've been in office the major accomplishments of the Obama administration include the discovery and killing of Osama bin Laden, passing of the federal health care law, ending of the war in Iraq, the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, and various economic actions to prevent unemployment, manage the national debt, and get the States out of their economic slump.

For the 2012 Election, the Democratic Platform promises to "Move America Forward". They have four main focuses: "Rebuilding Middle Class Security", "America

Works when Everybody Plays by the Same Rules", "Greater Together", and "Stronger in the World, Safer and More Secure at Home". If President Obama serves another term, he promises to commit to a long-lasting economy by investing into local jobs, American companies, and sustainable energy. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare, where every person is required by law to have insurance for an equalized fee no matter what their pre-existing conditions are, is a huge part of what the Democratic Party is promising for the middle class. The Democrats promise to rebuild middle class security with the pulling through of the American Jobs Act, which includes payroll tax relief, tax credits, and enhanced unemployment insurance. They want to stabilize the housing market and reform student loan and education for the middle class. Democrats also aim to reform laws regarding fair taxation (The Obama administration proposed The Buffett Rule and showed open support for the Occupy movement) and lobbying, and strive for economic equality for citizens.

Beyond economics, the Democrats also push for many social issues, which is mostly what we hear about in the news. Women's right to reproductive choice is supported by the Democratic Party, who promises to maintain Roe v. Wade. Obamacare includes the coverage of birth control for women, although previously many insurance companies didn't. Marriage equality for LGBT people is supported by the party as a whole, and the President made history as the first sitting president to voice support for gay marriage. The Democrats' viewpoints on social issues mirror those held in Canada more than the Republican Party. Outside of their borders, the Democratic Party outlines a plan to end the war in Afghanistan by 2012 and dismantle Al-Qaeda. They promise to prevent dangerous nuclear activity internationally by downsizing America's stockpiles of nuclear weapons, sanctioning against

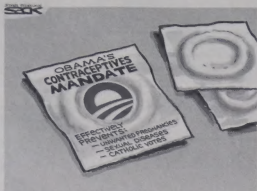
Iran, and participating global treaties. With Obama as president, the American financial support for Israel will be continued but the United States will try to act as a mediator for the Palestine-Israel conflict.

Celebrity supporters for Barack Obama and his party include Scarlett Johansson, Beyoncé and Jay-Z, Justin Timberlake, Neil Patrick Harris, and Ellen DeGeneres.

## Mitt Romney, Paul Ryan, and The Republicans

The Republican Party, also referred to as the Grand Old Party (GOP), nominated former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney as their presidential candidate. Mitt Romney, born Willard Romney, comes from a background of business rather than law, but holds a Juris Doctor on top of his Harvard business degree. Romney's father was a prominent politician, also for the Republican party, and Mitt followed in his footsteps by running for the U.S. Senate in 1994 and went on to become the governor of the state of Massachusetts. Romney's running mate Paul Ryan's entire career is based on politics as he began his first political internship soon after graduating. He is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for the state of Wisconsin. The GOP's slogan is "We Believe in America" and they show that belief with several promises of their own. Their promises are organized under the headings of "Restoring the American Dream: Rebuilding the Economy and Creating Jobs", "We The People: A Restoration of Constitutional Government", "America's Natural Resources: Energy, Agriculture and the Environment", "Reforming Government to Serve the People", "Renewing American Values to Build Healthy Families, Great Schools and Safe Neighborhoods", and "American Exceptionalism".

Because of America's two-party system, in many cases, the Republican Party's views are quite the opposite of the Democratic Party's. Because the Obama administration is the one currently in office, much of the GOP's platform is dedicated to reversing the current administration's actions. For example, the Republican Party adamantly opposes the idea of Obamacare. They claim it is destructive to the American constitution because legally forcing everybody to be insured takes away the liberty for Americans to choose. The GOP wants to emphasize personal responsibility and depend more on privatized companies and their decisions on eligibility. Lifestyle choices



Cartoon credit: Steve Sack of Star Tribune

that are unhealthy will be costly to those who want to be ensured (ObamaCare insures everybody regardless of pre-existing conditions, with the exception of tobacco use). The GOP wants to build Medicare and Medicaid back up and does not want to see the funding that can be spent on restoring these programs go to a new program.

The Republicans believe that to stimulate the economy is retention of individual wealth, aided by an extension of what's commonly called the Bush tax cuts, which prevent tax rates from increasing based on income. They believe differing tax rates would increase class warfare. Their platform reiterates goals of balancing the budget and preventing what they call "out-of-control spending", which includes starting new programs like federal health care. The GOP promises to make every federal activity go through a tripartite test: is it within the constitutional scope of the federal government? Is it effective and absolutely necessary? Is it sufficiently important to justify borrowing, especially foreign borrowing, to fund it? The GOP has grand promises for the middle class as well. Instead of tax cuts, there will be options of privatization on personal control of capital. They promise that they will promote international trade that will also encourage jobs and prosperity within its own borders.

As far as international affairs go, the Republican platform states that the party recognizes that terrorism is the greatest fear they face. While the Democrats say they will downsize their stockpile (of nuclear arms), the Republicans promise to modernize their current holdings. A Republican United States will aim to take down Iran's nuclear technology as it is viewed as a huge threat to national security. They will seek to regain leadership in international organizations as well and neutralize the Palestine-Israel conflict. Although Romney and Ryan both mention a plan for ending the war

in Afghanistan by 2014, no specific details have been released.

The GOP is adamant about conserving tradition when it comes to social values. Mitt Romney was quoted as saying he would be "delighted" to overturn Roe v. Wade, which was a landmark decision involving abortion. Paul Ryan has also supported the criminalization of abortion and even in vitro fertilization, believing in traditional means of pregnancy and parenthood. The GOP wants to "preserve the sanctity of traditional marriage" and opposes gay marriage and adoptions. There have been talks of some Republicans, namely Rick Santorum, of criminalizing pornography.

Notable fans of the Republican Party are Meat Loaf, Kid Rock, Kelly Clarkson, Clint Eastwood, and Jenna Jameson.

As our neighbours pick their next leader, it is important that we pay close attention. Besides the fact we are both a part of NATO and that a nuclear bomb thrown in their direction might also leave some residue on us, the United States and Canada have very close ties in politics. Much of our exports are sold to our Southern partners and their economics affect us heavily. Touching borders, much of our political climate tends to blur together. Some decisions may affect us more personally than others. While Barack Obama has pushed back finalizing the decision of the Keystone Pipeline, Mitt Romney has shown inclination towards supporting it. The Democrats' speeches have included support for women's rights while many notable Republicans have been dismissive, if not downright offensive to women and their rights to choice. Although the ballots are not in our hands, the decision that will be made in the United States of America on November 6th will no doubt affect the True North Star and Free for the next four years, and possibly for many more to come.



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## The Augustana Fitness Centre

Brittany Lehman DAG WRITER

The Augustana Fitness Center is a great place to get up in the gym and start working on your fitness! Located in [the building formerly known as] the Edgeworth Center [that place where the Vikings play hockey], it is only a short distance from campus. The staff members are friendly, knowledgeable, and have no problem taking the time to help explain everything from what exactly a kettle bell swing is to healthy ways to lose weight and build muscle. They offer a variety of classes, programs, equipment, and machines to get your heart rate elevated and the sweat pouring down your face. The Fitness Center is open Monday to Thursday 6AM – 10 PM, Friday 6AM – 9PM, and Saturday/Sunday 8AM – 5 PM.

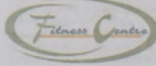
There are two types of passes available for students: restricted (only between the hours of 8-4) or unlimited. An unlimited pass costs \$31/month, but the cost is reduced to \$28/month if you purchase four months or more at a time. A one year pass is \$250. The restricted pass is \$110 for the eight month school term, or \$14/month when you purchase more than four months. You can also purchase 10-punch passes or pay a drop-in fee. Passes give you access to the gym, running track, and lane swim. For an extra \$30/month, you gain unlimited access to the sauna/hot-tub, public swim, and aqua-fitness classes through the Camrose Aquatic Center.

There are various fitness classes offered such as Cardio Kickboxing, Spin, and

the infamous Boot Camp. Coming up this November, Zumba classes will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings! Fitness classes' times vary from early morning to evening; check with Fitness Center Staff for dates and times. The cost for any of these classes is reduced for members and varies by class; the average cost is around \$83/class for members.

The Fitness Center also offers various personal training programs. You can try out a One Time Program Set-Up, which earns you one hour with a trainer to create a program for you with an exercise demo. Another option is a Long-Term Personalized Program which can be done on your own or with a buddy for a reduced cost for each of you. Team/Athlete training programs are available and are tailored to you and your specific sport. For a very effective, very intense training experience that gets you mega-results, there is the Speedy Results Program which includes 12 one hour sessions with a trainer and a personalized program at the end. Most training can be done for a reduced cost with a buddy; cost of each type of training varies. All of the trainers are excellent, and can help you to reach your personal goals.

The Augustana Fitness Center is definitely where it's at if you want to keep fit and have fun. Be sure to check it out and keep those guns in top shape! If you have further inquiries stop by to chat with a staff member, e-mail your concerns to fitnesscenter@augustana.ca, or call 780-679-1577.



## Two Degrees: Six Years to Do It

Erin Sekulich DAG WRITER

Do you want to explore your options before deciding on a medical career? Not sure if philosophy or biology is right for you? The BScN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) After Degree Program gives you the option to do both. In six years a student can graduate with two undergraduate degrees at Augustana University. Intimate and small class sizes give students the hands on training and education along with a theory component and lab skills. Hands on classes include a combination of lectures, clinical skills, labs, and clinical practice, and then an additional 16 hours/week of clinical time. During clinical time students attend hospitals and clinics working with actual patients

rather than sitting in a classroom all day only learning theory.

Students undergo a 23 month learning period at the newly renovated Husfloren Building just off campus. Future nurses will take a variety of courses from Pathophysiology to Mental Health Nursing Theory, Interprofessional Health Team Development to Community Nursing Practice and more. After this 86 credit course students will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN). After graduating with this degree students are eligible to move on to becoming registered nurses, or if finding that nursing is not for them, falling back and pursuing their previous degree. That is

## Gain Some Momentum Erin Sekulich DAG WRITER

Athletics, surgery, and back pain: most people do not associate physical therapy with anything else, but in fact, physical therapists provide a wide range of services to many different people. Physical therapists are highly skilled professionals that help with all the above along with speech pathology, injury prevention, rehabilitation and much more. And yes, there is a program at Augustana for that.

The Master of Science in Physical Therapy (MSc PT) at Augustana is one of only fourteen in Canada. It is a year round program that is accomplished in 28 months of study. Students go into the program having already obtained a four year bachelors degree, along with thirty hours of volunteer work with those having disabilities, cognitive or physical.

With only twelve students in the program at one time, [along with] a combination of labs, seminars, and lectures, students learn in a very one-on-one environment. Throughout the degree students will experience over 31 weeks of clinical practice and in the second year they have the option for international placement.

Mike Walper is currently a second year student in the MSc PT program and kindly let me interview him.

Erin: How hands-on is the course as opposed to lectures?  
Mike: Physical Therapy is a very hands-on profession and in class we spend a great deal of time actively learning how to work with patients. Our program is year round and we spend time both in Camrose and out on clinical placements. For example, my last placement was at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary. While in Camrose our learning experience is about 50/50 lecture to hands-on and while out on placement it is 100% hands-on. We only

have one 6-week clinical placement in our first year and 4 or so in the second, so obviously we have a little more hands-on in the second year.

E: How do you like the year round study?

M: I don't mind the year round study. It's easy to learn and do things that you love. I won't lie, it does get mentally draining at times and having your schedule dictated to you can be inconvenient. That being said, the program is preparing me to enter the workforce and you don't get a break when you get out into the real world, so it seems fitting.

E: Do you enjoy the small class size?

M: The small class size is what makes Augustana so special, especially in the Physical Therapy program. A lot of what we do and practice is interactive and to have an excellent student-to-facilitator ratio means we get that much more of an experience/education.

E: Why did you choose Augustana over the Edmonton campus?

M: I actually didn't choose Augustana over Edmonton; initially I had wanted to go to Edmonton. The program is currently offered from three locations and when applying you rank your choice of site and then based on your entrance GPA and an interview they create a pool of students and try to accommodate selections. [With] all that being said, I am incredibly happy with my experience at Augustana thus far!

E: What was your experience with volunteering in the field as one of your requirements?

M: I think everyone should take time out of their lives to volunteer and give back to those in need. I had a truly rewarding experience helping out at a school that accommodated a

variety of challenged youth. In addition to how I feel about volunteering, the experience you will receive from doing so actually exposes you to an environment that you could potentially work at as a Physical Therapist.

E: What are your general impressions of the course?

M: Overall, I think the Physical Therapy course offered from Augustana is excellent. Within our small class we have students that come from a variety of different degrees (physics, psychology, kinesiology, education, human kinetics, etc.), different schools (University of Lethbridge, University of Alberta, McGill University, Trinity Western, University of Western Ontario, Waterloo, etc.) and are from all parts of the country. Consider how diverse that little pocket of students is; it truly makes for a great learning experience when you're entering a profession that is all about working with people. What makes the program fun is that for once in my education, what I'm learning is relevant. It's important and I can see why I need to know it.

E: What is your undergraduate [degree] in? Have you always been working toward becoming a physiotherapist?

M: No, I haven't always been working towards becoming a physiotherapist. I actually couldn't decide what I wanted to do after high school and took two years off. I've always known I would work in a health related field and when I eventually got a football scholarship to McGill University I chose to take Kinesiology because it was a great stepping stone into a lot of health related professions. I realized my desire to pursue physiotherapy in my 1<sup>st</sup> year at McGill, and it just seemed like it fit my personality and interests. I absolutely hate sitting.

only open up the option for a career in hospitals and clinics; there are options to work overseas, or with the Canadian forces. Nursing is a promising career with an ideal learning environment situated at Augustana.

If you are interested in additional information there will be an After Degree Program information session on November 15 at 5:00pm in the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy, room L1-190 (lower/basement level). You can also visit the Augustana Website, or contact Kristan Morin at kristan.morin@ualberta.ca.

opportunity field to get into. There are over 12 surrounding towns and cities with hospital and health centers in the Camrose area. There is no shortage of locations to work at without moving far away from home.

"[The feedback from these managers and administrators is that our graduates are very competent and capable, and there is always a need for nurses in small rural areas]" – Lyndel Kasa [program coordinator, Nursing After Degree, Camrose Site].

With Camrose being a central rural community, Augustana gives students the opportunity to take a nursing degree without having to uproot themselves and move to Edmonton. Nursing does not

only open up the option for a career in hospitals and clinics; there are options to work overseas, or with the Canadian forces. Nursing is a promising career with an ideal learning environment situated at Augustana.

# Pitch Perfect: An "A-ca-Awesome" Performance

Tonya Simpson DAG WRITER

Director Jason Moore's excitement and opportunities that college life has to offer. After a month [passes], her father instructs her that she must join one club and really make an effort to enjoy her year if he is to help her achieve what she really wants. Of all the clubs to join, Beca finds herself a member of the Barden Bellas, a unique all-girl assortment of a capella singers who severely contrast the traditional thin-and- perfect appearance. Led by alpha female Aubrey (played by Anna Camp), the group struggles to rise to the top and defeat their intra-collegiate rivals, the Treblemakers, a cocky all-boy capella group.

Kendrick makes the successful switch from portraying the traditional ditzy and popular roles she has had in other movies to a reserved introvert in Moore's [motion] picture. Using stereotypical characters and strategic foils, Moore successfully introduces a society to which the audience can easily relate.

However easy this may be for the audience, this is a struggle for Beca. Wanting nothing more than her own space and to be a professional DJ sharing her musical talent, Jesse comes along, and at Beca shuts herself out from the

her eyes on him. Can Beca resist Jesse, the kind of guy who every girl wants?

Not only does Pitch Perfect have a crew of reliable yet memorable characters, the film is as exciting to listen to as it is to watch. The soundtrack is excellent, popular among the general audience, and entirely engaging. Complete with non-stop laughs, hilarious quotes and a story of triumph, self-discovery and finding joy, this romantic comedy is sure to make even the toughest of skins have a hysterical time. I do not possess much musical talent myself, yet at every a capella performance, I could not keep my foot from tapping along to the groovy beats or keep my lips from wanting to sing along. If you are planning to see this musical show, be prepared to find yourself part of a very active audience and fighting the temptation to stand up and get your groove

With a doubt, this film pops three kernels of popcorn out of five!

## For Immediate Release:

### The Pack A.D. Bring Punk to Camrose

Robyn Sheremeta DAG EDITOR

Nov. 17, 2012, 8:00 PM—Rose City Roots Music Society will be welcoming yet another amazing band to Scalliwags Pub & Rum Bar. The Pack A.D. hails from Vancouver, B.C. and has some dangerously addictive blues/punk-rock riffs to share with the world.

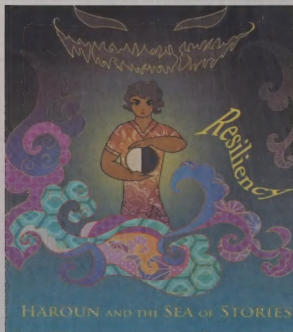
Since they signed with Mint Records in 2008, guitarist/vocalist Becky Black and drummer Maya Miller have been recording and performing nonstop. They've released four records to date and have toured both North America and Europe. The duo is sharing music from their 2011 album *Unpersons*. Camrose is the penultimate stop on this cross-country trek.

Black and Miller's musical stylings pack a potent punch of in-your-face aggressive riffs and plenty of hollow snare beats that perfectly accompany the defiant rock 'n' roll vocals. Although The Pack A.D. are frequently likened to The White Stripes, Meg Roberts. White's timekeeping pales in comparison to Miller's, mostly

because of her easy stage presence and enthusiasm. Expect to be reminded of The Black Keys, Tegan and Sara, Death From Above 1979, and The Strokes; The Pack A.D. combines the best of all of the above in a convenient, two-woman garage-band package.

The Pack A.D.'s presence at Scalliwags will be a refreshing change of pace for Rose City Roots, which usually features alternative folk or blues acts (don't be misled though! They're also great!). The Pack A.D. will surely satisfy the tastes of Camrose's young adult music scene, so at \$10 for a student ticket (and \$20 for mere pebeians), it's a show that shouldn't be passed up.

Tickets are available in advance at Candler Art Gallery, as well as at the door. Visit [www.thepackad.com](http://www.thepackad.com) and listen to "Sirens" and "Haunt You" (from *Unpersons*) to get revved up for another stellar night, thanks to Rose City

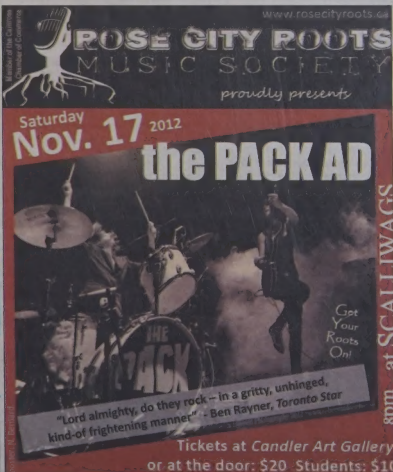


**Haroun and the Sea of Stories**

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## To Pipeline, or Not to Pipeline?

Brittany Lehman DAG WRITER

The Northern Gateway Pipeline proposal by Enbridge has been a hot topic these days. The proposal is to construct twin petroleum product pipelines 1,170 kilometres long between Brudenheim (just north of Edmonton) and Kitimat, British Columbia. An average of 525,000 barrels of petroleum will flow per day, while approximately 193,000 barrels of condensate (a product used to thin petroleum products for pipeline transport) would make its way east. The pipeline will be buried up to a meter underground, although portions of the pipeline would be above water crossings where it is safer to do so. The oil will be sent to Asia to be refined, thus strengthening ties with Asian companies and creating new markets for energy trade.

Enbridge estimates that the project will provide about 1,150 long-term jobs operating the pipelines and the marine terminal, and thousands of on-site employment opportunities during the construction phase. In total it is estimated that 907,067 direct and indirect jobs will be created from the construction phase through 2048. Local, provincial, and federal government tax revenues are approximated to reach \$2.6 billion over the first 30 years of pipeline operation;

\$36 million per year will be paid by Northern Gateway as local property taxes. Businesses in and around the proposed pipeline area will benefit by being the providers of services, supplies, and materials to the project; this will encourage local business' growth and development.

Enbridge also states that they have rigorous safety protocols to prevent and/or quickly fix any leaks or spills. There will be electronic monitoring 24/7 from their control center to detect any leaks or breaches. Safety control valves and leak detection systems will also be in place. Enbridge states that they employ the highest worldwide safety and navigational standards. Northern Gateway is participating in a voluntary assessment called TERMPOL administered by Transport Canada; this evaluates marine terminal operations, vessel routing, and other important marine safety issues. Part of this was a voluntary Quantitative Risk Assessment which calculates risks associated with the marine portion of the pipeline.

Enbridge has been discussing plans with Aboriginal and Native American people throughout this process, as the proposed pipeline will cross many of their territories. Enbridge states that they are

committed to working with these groups to create partnerships and to incorporate traditional knowledge in their route planning while respecting the history, uniqueness, and diversity of these peoples. They also state that they are exploring the possibility of partial pipeline ownership with Aboriginal and Native American groups, as well as opportunities for employment, skills development, and any other opportunities which may present themselves.

This sounds lovely, but what about the 610 spills on Enbridge's record? From 1999-2008 they released approximately 132,000 barrels of hydrocarbons into the environment. Each of these spills was noted to have had "off-site" impacts in the surrounding areas. In 2009, Enbridge paid \$1.1 million to the state of Wisconsin to settle a lawsuit for 545 environmental violations. There was another oil spill southeast of Fort McMurray in 2009, again in Manitoba in 2010, and in July of 2010, an estimated 4 million liters of crude oil were spilled into Michigan's Talmadge Creek which leads to the Kalamazoo River.

The construction, maintenance and possibility of leaks open up many environmental concerns. For instance,

the pipeline will cross approximately 1,000 rivers and streams, some of which are sensitive salmon spawning habitats: The Stuart River, Morice River, Copper River, Kitimat River, and the Salmon River. Metal pipelines age and corrode over time, which can lead to ruptures. In the mountainous regions where the pipeline will be built, there are increased risks of landslides which could also lead to ruptures and leaks. Any leakage of oil into the aforementioned salmon rivers could be devastating.

A labour group out of Edmonton warned that the proposed pipeline could cost thousands of high-paying refining jobs in Alberta; shipping the oil to Asia would mean a 5% reduction in local refinery and a loss of approximately 8,000 jobs. There is a fear that the current building boom in China regarding refineries and refining capacity will lead to the eventual closing down of local refineries altogether; companies would have to purchase back the refined crude product from China at a much higher cost than it would be if refined locally.

Several Aboriginal and Native American groups have outright opposed the pipeline. The pipeline would cross the territories of many First Nations

groups; at the moment, nine Coastal First Nations groups as well as many of the inland groups along the pipeline route are opposed. In 2010, the Coastal First Nations signed a declaration which stated that "tar sands oil will not be allowed to transit our traditional lands and waters." Groups such as Pipe Up Against Enbridge (which includes First Nations people as well as other B.C. communities) have been active in opposing Enbridge by their "Defend Our Coast" campaign and by speaking out publicly against the Northern Gateway Pipeline.

There does not seem to be a middle ground or grey area when it comes to the debate on the Northern Gateway Pipeline. Enbridge claims superior safety records, hundreds of thousands of job opportunities, billions in tax revenue, and increased economic growth for local businesses and communities. Those who are opposed to the pipeline claim loss of local jobs, harsh environmental impact, eventual increase in costs to purchase refined oil, and that it will only occur when an oil spill will occur due to lax safety policies.

Which side of the fence are you on? Yes to the pipeline, or no? Log onto our Facebook page and answer our poll to join in the debate!

## The Life and Travels of Augustana's Dr. Craig Peterson

Tonya Simpson DAG WRITER

I recently met with Dr. Craig Peterson and gather some insight into the interesting life of an English professor. Due to limited page space, I chose his most interesting answers to share with you:

**Tonya Simpson:** Can you describe for us some of your adventures and travels?

**Craig Peterson:** The first time I went to Europe, I was 19 years old and except for some French food trends, spoke only English. My constant companion for [that] year was a book called *French Made Simple*, from which I learned such useful phrases as "Bonjour Monsieur Thibault. Le soleil brille dans ton ciel éclat." I memorized set introductions to recite after knocking on the back doors of restaurants, hoping for work: "Bonjour, je suis cuisinier; je viens du Canada; je voudrais travailler dans votre restaurant." The response was always the same: "Avez vous des papiers?" I had to be honest: "Non." Usually, the door was slammed shut, but sometimes it widened and I would be gestured in. What a thrill.

I lived in an old, used Volkswagen van I bought for cheap in Amsterdam. After it broke down, I scored an old

Peugeot moped and toured the entire south coast of France, crossing the Pyrenees and coming purely by chance to a small city whose streets, as I sputtered into town, became crowded with joyful, festive Spaniards carrying wineskins full of sangria that they would squirt into stranger's mouths. Where was I? What was this place? I had no idea how to express these questions in Spanish. Following the crowds, I came to a large building, in front of which stood a large statue whose imposing figure I immediately recognized as Earnest Hemingway. I knew then that I was in Pamplona during the festival of San Fermin – famed throughout the world for its "Running of the Bulls." The one time I was so brave enough to be allowed to run, I ran like a terrified ostrich and entered the bullring well ahead of any danger, though of course I could then strut proudly as one who had run with the bulls.

**TS:** Why did you decide to come back to Alberta?

**CP:** Because my good friend Roxanne Harde told me of how great it is to work here and my parents were aging, a job offer at Augustana seemed a heaven

-sent opportunity. Oddly, I had spent my early years trying to escape Alberta, but the drive back here across the country literally opened my eyes to the beauty of the prairies. When I hit the farmland of Manitoba after gloomy Ontario, the light became ethereal and the parade of majestic clouds against the deep blue sky and the waving fields of golden wheat cast a spell on me and my heart melted from the beauty of it all. I thought this might be a passing sensation, but I still feel it. I still have a sense of adventure, but now I have a solid sense of home.

**TS:** What are you most proud of here at Augustana?

**CP:** I am most proud of the growth the Writing Centre. We now have a peer-tutoring class, which prepares students to work as tutors in the writing centre. I've also developed writing workshops that are brought into classrooms to specifically address the writing tasks requisite to individual writing assignments. I think this is an area that will help our efforts to make skillful writing one of the hallmark characteristics of Augustana graduates.

**TS:** What are your favourite hobbies?

**CP:** Cooking and travelling are my favourite hobbies. The two go hand in hand. Three years ago, I travelled with my daughter to Japan and became interested in learning [that] cuisine – two summers ago, I rekindled my love for French cuisine by spending a month in Paris. Last summer, I spent a great deal of time in the province of Sichuan, China, and I'm currently spending my off hours drinking different varieties of Chinese tea and experimenting with the tongue-buzzing spice huajiao a.k.a. Sichuan pepper. In its uncoked state a bite of a single kernel or rather husk will induce an incredibly intense sensation on your tongue that I can only describe as foaming electricity. I'm having a lot of fun with it, and have discovered that if you grind it and mix it with salt you can use it to rim margaritas that I serve and call lip buzzers. Such are my harmless hobbies.

**TS:** Who is your favourite author and why?

**CP:** This is such a difficult question to answer. Vladimir Nabokov is one author whose works are rarely on my shelf because they are hard to find

but so good that I must give them away. I've re-read everything he's written. Every time I find a copy of one of his books I open it at random, start reading and find myself once again drawn in. His books display (strategically) a virtuous style to explore repellent themes. His famously-banned novel *Invitation to a Beheading*, for example, renders the first-person narrative of Humbert Humbert in a glittering prose so attractive that you have to fight to remember that the narrator is a monster. Not all of his works are so attractive-repellent but the prose is always worth gold. A living author that I'm currently re-reading is David Mitchell, whose novel *Cloud Atlas* has been turned into a movie. I doubt I'll see the flick, but the book is amazing. I think ultimately my favourite author has to be one I know personally. I'm proud to know Thomas Wharton, and Greg Hollingshead [both from the U of A]. If I had to choose one living author that I know personally as my favourite, my hands-down choice would be the author of *Good to a Fault*, *Open Arms*, and *Little Shadows* – Marina Endicott. She is the real deal and she teaches creative writing at my favourite school.

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## ASA Notes - Oct. 17

Kelly Milne DAG EDITOR

## PRESENTATION

Greg from Athletics: they want to offer more things for students like Vikings Crew. The old weight room is now kinesiology resistance training, but could make room for yoga, Zumba and pilates classes. New flooring is being installed, then paint, and then they will update safety exits. Funding will not come from tuition, and classes will be cheaper than Fitness Centre. There is talk that one can book the space by defining use and safety protocols. It is not going to be a work-out centre, because of health code issues. He invited students to drop by his office to discuss.

## REPORTS

James—2.15% tuition increase effective Sept 2013—\$113 over two semesters; adjusting for inflation.

Nathan—wants to use screens and AVC to engage more people. Planned pumpkin carving, Welcome Week in Jan, potential North-Campus Anti-Freeze, Formal planning soon.

Kelsie—November, Remembrance Day, Tricks for Eats, Wellness Week

Nana—wants to advertise discounts, did interviews for single parent scholarship

Naomi—attended committee meetings, disappointing popcorn turnout, Annual General Meeting Nov 22 in Epp Room, building discussion soon, council pictures next meeting

Carlo—changed office hours - just MW; met the Dean about PAC, sustainability, and student expansion program, began one-on-ones with councillors, referendum help from previous ASA execs.

## ACTION ITEMS

Club budgets: approved \$6600 for 23 clubs. Increased funding based on years, policy is online. Asian, Science and German are the biggest. Next year, clubs might run smaller events

Budget analysis: auditors difficultly tracing money movement, potential Augustana-based leadership award. Increased Dag editor bursary

## DISCUSSION

Rixt—"Bailey Bailout" concert with Ten Second Epic. Approved providing liquor on January 12

Carlo—wants more ideas proposed via a paper-trail

## QUESTIONS

1. Council meetings might move to Mondays
2. Implementing a campus-wide calendar online
3. Grocery store on campus
4. New ASA website being polished
5. Rixt - Triathlon needed volunteers
6. Kelsie - Animal shelter fundraiser at Scall's
7. James - ResLife
8. Brittany - Meet your rep

## Augustana's Composter: Fertilizing for a Sustainable Future

Tia Lalani DAG WRITER

Now, I know many of you are aware of composting, simply because of those seemingly annoying signs plastered on the garbage bins in the cafeteria as you dump your plates and rush off to class, but take a minute here to check out how important this composter is, and another two to sort your plate and do something positive for the environment.

Augustana does its best to be considered a green campus, and the implementation of the relatively new composter is helping us achieve that goal. In September of 2011, Augustana was granted, through a Sustainability Enhancement Fund from the U of A, money to purchase the Bio-var composter developed by Nioex Systems, now used on campus—recycling waste never sounded so cool. Brought to us by the Composting Committee, consisting of former dean Roger Epp, Sustainability Coordinator Candice Tremblay, and a handful of environmentally conscious staff and faculty, the composter helps reduce the amount of waste our cafeteria sends to the landfill.

According to Organic Waste Weights from Fall 2012, our cafeteria alone creates 20

metrics tonnes of organic waste yearly, which is recycled through the composter. About 65% of waste produced on our campus is organic (Fall 2009 Waste Audit) which can be diverted through the composter to recycle and create nutrient rich product to be used for fertilizing, landscaping, and gardening.

If those facts didn't get you all geared up to aid our campus in composting, think of all the hard work it takes to properly run and manage a composter on campus. Morgan Specht, Augustana's Composting Assistant says,

"Currently we are climbing a learning curve to determine proper aeration, moisture content, oxygen level, and carbon/organic ratios to develop a healthy living environment for creating a usable compost".

This composter not only recycles and reduces the amount of waste the cafeteria sends to the landfill, but also represents Augustana's commitment to sustainable living. Specht notes the positive impact of the composter, as it

"creates a sense of responsibility and community among the staff and students at Augustana, when

everyone participates and works toward a more environmentally friendly way of living and studying on and off campus".

Specht also helps to properly run and feed protocols for the system, as well as setting up CSL placements for the ENV 120 Waste Sort Group and Waste Diversion Outreach Group, which increases knowledge and experiential learning regarding waste management. Over the next year, the Green Campus committee hopes to increase awareness through informational signs, and achieve an eventual campus-wide expansion of composting at Augustana.


Students should be aware of the composter here at Augustana, so I urge all of you to take part in the little things each of us can do to reduce our environmental impact. It only takes a little effort to determine what can and cannot be composted; simply check out the signs above the garbage cans in the cafeteria. Food waste and napkins can go into the composter, so you don't have to sort through your leftovers in order to be environmentally friendly. Understanding what can and cannot be composted will reduce

contamination, which will lead to the proper function and maintenance of this addition to Augustana.

With that said, I'd also like to take a minute to talk about the recycling bins around campus. Over the last little while, the signs about what can and cannot go into the bins have gotten increasingly more pronounced, with good reason. If these bins are contaminated because the recyclable materials are placed in the wrong bin, the whole bag is sent to the landfill. Taking a few minutes out of your day to rinse any coffee cups or lids and place them in the recyclable paper and plastic material bin instead of the beverage container bin will reduce the amount of waste that is simply garbage.

With all of the time and effort has been taken to get a composter on campus, a little extra effort from the students will go a long way in making our campus an even more environmentally friendly place. Also, be sure to check out the Waste Sort, being held in Faith and Life and the forum on November 7<sup>th</sup>, to learn more about our campus's waste, and how to become more involved with environmental sustainability!

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